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§12301. REGISTRATION OF HARVESTED ANIMALS

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B225 (RP).

§12301-A. REGISTRATION OF HARVESTED ANIMALS

1. Registration stations established. The commissioner shall adopt rules governing the establishment and closure of bear, deer, moose and wild turkey registration stations for the purpose of registering harvested bear, deer, moose and wild turkey and to allow for the collection of biological and hunting data. Rules adopted pursuant to this subsection are routine technical rules as defined in Title 5, chapter 375, subchapter 2-A.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §226 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

2. Agents designated. An agent designated by the commissioner must be in charge of each bear, deer, moose or wild turkey registration station.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §226 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

3. Agent duties. Registration agents shall:

A. Register every bear, deer, moose or wild turkey legally presented for registration; [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §226 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

B. Attach a seal to each bear, deer, moose or wild turkey in the manner directed and with the materials furnished by the commissioner; [2013, c. 387, §4 (AMD) .]

C. Collect \$5 and retain \$2 for each seal from the person registering a bear, deer or moose. The remaining \$3 must be returned to the department by the agent pursuant to section 10801, subsection 3; and [2013, c. 387, §5 (AMD) .]

D. Collect and retain \$2 for each wild turkey registered. [2013, c. 387, §6 (NEW) .]

[2013, c. 387, §§4-6 (AMD) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 655, §B226 (NEW). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2009, c. 213, Pt. OO, §10 (AMD). 2011, c. 660, §1 (AMD). 2013, c. 387, §§4-6 (AMD).

§12302. TIMELY REGISTRATION OF BEAR, DEER, MOOSE OR WILD TURKEY

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B227 (RP).

§12302-A. TIMELY REGISTRATION OF BEAR, DEER, MOOSE OR WILD TURKEY

1. Requirement. A person who kills a bear, deer, moose or wild turkey shall:

A. Remain with that animal until it is registered, except as provided in section 12303-A; [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §228 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. Present that animal for registration in that person's name at the first open registration station for that animal on the route taken by that person; and [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §228 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

C. Leave the registration seal attached to the animal in accordance with section 12301-A until that animal is processed and packaged for consumption. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §228 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §228 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §228 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 655, §B228 (NEW). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF).

§12303. TIME LIMITS FOR REGISTERING BEAR, DEER, MOOSE OR WILD TURKEY

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B229 (RP).

§12303-A. TIME LIMITS FOR REGISTERING BEAR, DEER, MOOSE OR WILD TURKEY

1. Time limits. Except as provided in subsection 1-A, a person may not keep any of the following unregistered wild animals at home or any place of storage for more than 18 hours:

A. Bear; [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. Deer; [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

C. Moose; or [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

D. Wild turkey. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

1-A. Exceptions. The following are exceptions to the time limitation for registering harvested wild animals established in subsection 1:

A. A person may keep a harvested animal in an official registration station for that animal or at the office of a game warden for more than 18 hours; [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person may leave an unregistered animal harvested by that person in the woods if that person notifies a game warden within 18 hours as to the location of that animal and the circumstances necessitating leaving that animal in the woods; and [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

C. A person on a hunting trip in an unorganized township and staying at a temporary place of lodging may keep an unregistered harvested animal at the temporary place of lodging for no more than 7 days or until that person leaves the woods, whichever comes first. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §230 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 655, §B230 (NEW). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF).

§12304. CONDITION OF ANIMAL PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION (REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B231 (RP).

§12304-A. CONDITION OF ANIMAL PRESENTED FOR REGISTRATION

1. Prohibition. Except as provided in subsection 2, a person must present the following wild animals for registration in their entirety:

A. Bear; [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. Deer; [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

C. Moose; or [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

D. Wild turkey. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

2. Exceptions. A person may present a bear, deer, moose or wild turkey for registration as follows:

A. The viscera and rib cage of the animal may be removed in a manner that permits determination of the sex of the animal; and [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A moose may be dismembered for ease of transportation, and the lower legs, head and hide of a moose may be removed. If the head is not brought to the registration station, a canine tooth or the lower jaw also must be presented at the time of registration. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

3. Disposal of moose parts not presented for registration. A person may not place the parts of a moose not presented for registration where they are visible to a person traveling on a public or private way.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

4. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §232 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 655, §B232 (NEW). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF).

§12305. FALSE REGISTRATION OF BEAR, DEER, MOOSE OR WILD TURKEY

1. Prohibition. A person may not present for registration or allow to be registered in that person's name any of the following animals that that person did not lawfully kill:

A. Bear; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

B. Deer; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

C. Moose; or [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

D. Wild turkey. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF) .]

2. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §233 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B233 (AMD). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF).

§12306. POSSESSING UNREGISTERED BEAR, DEER, MOOSE OR WILD TURKEY

1. Prohibition. A person may not possess any of the following animals if that animal has not been legally registered as provided in this chapter, unless that animal is possessed in accordance with chapter 921:

A. Bear; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

B. Deer; [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

C. Moose; or [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

D. Wild turkey. [2003, c. 414, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §234 (AMD); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

2. Penalties.

[2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §235 (RP) .]

3. Penalty. A person who violates this section commits a Class E crime.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §236 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §§B234-236 (AMD). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF).

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414, PT. A, §2 (NEW); PT. D, §7 (AFF); C. 614, §9 (AFF)**

§12351. TRANSPORTATION

1. Prohibition. A person may not transport a harvested wild animal or wild bird unless that animal is lawfully possessed by that person.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §237 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

1-A. Transportation prior to registration. Prior to registration, a person may not transport a harvested bear, deer, moose or wild turkey unless that animal is open to view. For purposes of this section, "open to view" means the animal is not concealed and can be readily observed in whole or in part from outside of the vehicle or trailer being used to transport the animal.

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §237 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

2. Penalties. The following penalties apply to violations of this section.

A. A person who violates subsection 1 or 1-A commits a civil violation for which a fine of not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 may be adjudged. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §237 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

B. A person who violates subsection 1 or 1-A after having been adjudicated as having committed 3 or more civil violations under this Part within the previous 5-year period commits a Class E crime. [2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §237 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF).]

[2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §237 (NEW); 2003, c. 655, Pt. B, §422 (AFF) .]

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B237 (RPR).

§12352. TRANSPORTATION BY NONRESIDENTS
(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B238 (RP).

§12353. METHOD OF TRANSPORTATION
(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B238 (RP).

§12354. COMMON CARRIERS

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B238 (RP).

§12355. UNLAWFUL TRANSPORTATION OF WILD ANIMAL OR WILD BIRD

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B238 (RP).

§12356. UNLAWFUL TRANSPORT OF BEAR, DEER, MOOSE, WILD TURKEY, WILD HARE OR WILD RABBIT

(REPEALED)

SECTION HISTORY

2003, c. 414, §A2 (NEW). 2003, c. 414, §D7 (AFF). 2003, c. 614, §9 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B422 (AFF). 2003, c. 655, §B238 (RP).

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